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By all means close up the doors of the World's Fair on Sunday. This will force tens of thousands of strangers into the Chicago saloons, where they can fill up on mean whisky. It will be so much more elevating than allowing them to go to the Fair on Sunday.

The Clerk of the Kentucky House of Representatives has reported that as many as eighteen bills now on the statutes had been improperly passed, and were as much void as the first World's Fair bill. It remains to be seen just how our law-abiding Democratic friends are going to do about it. Will they tolerate laws that are not lawful laws?

The Newport Journal hasn't ventured to say whether THE LEDGER's answer as to who compose "the real American people" is satisfactory. But, then, nothing can be satisfactory to THE Journal unless it is Democratic. It is even dissatisfied with the Railway Mail Service, which it thinks is manned by Republicans, when in fact most of the mail handlers are Democrats.

Those who attempt history ought to be accurate. The Washington correspondent of THE Times says: It will be remembered that it was General BENJAMIN F. BUTLER's Regiment of Massachusetts volunteers, who, while en route to the theater of the late war, were stored and fired upon while passing through the streets of Baltimore.

The fellow who remembers that remembrance too much. But it should be remembered that it was Colonel EDWARD F. JONES's Sixth Massachusetts Regiment that was mobbed in Baltimore. The trouble is there is altogether too much history which is not history.

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Helpless in the Middle of the Mississippi River.

The Steamer Guiding Star, With Over One Hundred People Aboard,

Stranded and With a Terrible Hole Cut in Her Side by the Grinding Ice—Impossible for Help to Reach the Vessel From the Shore for Some Time.

POINT PLEASANT, Mo., Jan. 17.—Forty cable passengers and the crew of the Guiding Star are being slowly but surely being swallowed up in the icy waters of the Mississippi. Stranded in the center of the river, with a terrible hole cut in her side by the ice, and in such a position that nobody can go to her help, the palatial steamer, with her human freight, may go to the bottom at any minute.

The boat lies in the middle of the Mississippi river at a point about 60 miles below Cairo. There she is anchored with her heavy feet on the reef of the bar. There is 15 feet of water at her stern, and this has resulted in the parting of the fore and aft hog chains. Her carpenter, John Granger, who is also a diver, and on his work centers all hope of saving the boat.

On account of the heavy run of ice, however, it is a matter of the gravest doubt whether or not he will be able to make a move, and it is generally accepted that the steamer will be lost.

All fears now are given for the safety of the passengers and crew.

Disables in mid-stream, with great cases of ice grinding the hull down on all sides of her, it is not only impossible to reach her with help from the shore, but it is equally impossible for anybody aboard to do anything looking toward escape.

The situation is a frightful one and news from the helpless steamer is anxiously awaited.

The Guiding Star is one of the finest steamers that travel on the Ohio. During the summer she is in the Coney Island trade at Cincinnati, and during the winter runs to New Orleans. She is owned by Capt. J. D. Hegler, Thomas Paxton and others, and is insured for \$15,000. Her crew are all from Cincinnati and vicinity, and she was on her way from New Orleans to Cincinnati.

She has 1,300 tons of sugar and molasses aboard for Cincinnati, and many of her passengers are Cincinnati people. Capt. J. D. Hegler is the command, while his son Harry is chief clerk.

The Guiding Star is the running mate of the New-Hayston. Singularly enough, her disaster has come during the heels of the accident to the Houston.

Later—the passengers and crew of the Guiding Star have been rescued off, but the boat is in a bad condition.

Liard-Kin Trade Booming.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—A city of Mexico dispatch says. According to statistics just received by the American consul from the state of Tabasco, 500,000 hides and skins were shipped to the United States from that state last year. This peculiar industry is one of the main sources of revenue for the state, and hundreds of natives, who capture the wild tropical hide without difficulty. Thousands of the skins are marketed in Mexico, while large quantities are exported to European countries. It is estimated that fully 6,000,000 hides are slaughtered for export from the state of Tabasco alone last year. The industry is very profitable and is growing rapidly.

Sullivan's Fighting Career Ended.

YONKERS, N. Y., Jan. 17.—John L. Sullivan, who has been fighting for the gamut, here in an interview said: "My career, so far as pugilism is concerned, closed with my fight with Jim Corbett. I have retired from the ring and will not under any circumstances enter it again. What I want to see is if any of the others can hold the championship as long as I did. As for Goddard, when I meet him I will show him that I am no third rate fighter, and there will be no articles in the papers about me. I feel kindly toward Corbett, and am satisfied he will hope if a fight is arranged, and I hope he will, as I want to see the championship remain in America."

Narrow Escape from Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Fifty young women attending the fashionable Kenwood Institute had narrow escapes from death by fire Monday morning and experienced with a freezing temperature which they will not soon forget. Fire broke out in the institute building while they were asleep, and though there was time for them to dress, they became panic-stricken and ran out into the freezing air clad only in their night robes. A number were caught severely from bitten before being gathered in by neighboring residents. The institute, a three-story and basement brick building, was destroyed.

San Franciscoers in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 17.—Secret service officers arrested Manning Jones Sunday on the charge of passing counterfeit money. There is evidence that he has been circulating counterfeit ten-dollar treasury notes recently. Secret service officials have been quite active in arresting counterfeiters here recently. Three were captured Saturday night and complete outfit for coin passing was found in their possession. The leader was Henry Doerr, who has recently been released from San Quentin prison.

Broken Chain Weeks an Engineering.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 17.—A shaft on a "double header" on the Grand Trunk railroad, pulling a special at the speed of 45 miles an hour, broke a few miles out of this city, literally tearing the engine to pieces. Engineer Spahn was caught by the released shaft and probably fatally injured.

Norfolk's N.Y. Electrocuted.

DANMOR, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Kornel Lett, the murderer of Mrs. Demmeck, was electrocuted at Clinton prison last night at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

EXPULSION FROM FRANCE.

Socialists Have a Row over the Treatment of Nihilists.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—Immediately after the opening of the chamber Monday, M. Levy, socialist deputy of the Seine, interpellated the government as to the expulsion of four nihilists from France on January 13, at the instance of Baron Nolde, Russian ambassador. What had these four men done, he asked, that the right of living in a free country should be denied them? In reply, his colleagues were anxious to learn whether they lived under a popular government, or under a government which, while ostensibly free, had allied itself with the institutions of medieval despotism.

M. Ribot replied at length to the interpellation. Since the discovery of a nihilist bomb factory in Paris, he said, the police had watched with unremitting vigilance all dangerous persons. France would never permit foreigners to intrigue on her soil against other powers. The government would not hesitate to expel persons who came to the country for the purpose of plotting there the overthrow of other governments (cries of "Oho, Oho," from the socialist deputies).

Antoine Jaurès, socialist deputy for the Gironde, moved, amid much confusion, that the discussion of the expulsion be allowed to proceed, as vital interests were at stake. If the government had the right to expel all who disagreed with its opinions in domestic or foreign politics, he said, it might as well proclaim itself a dictatorship.

An uproar followed this statement, the socialists cheering and the rest of the chamber shouting for its dismissal. On the vote, Deputy Jaurès moved to be put by 352 to 34.

M. Ribot stated Monday that the report of the expulsion of the nihilists be submitted to the chamber shortly. Editor Sowvord, of the Novoye Vremya, a Russian newspaper, denied that he received 50,000 francs from the Panama canal lobbyists.

AFIRE IN MID-OCEAN.

A Dreadful Catastrophe on Board the Steamer Bothnia Narrowly Averted.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Cunard line steamer Bothnia, from New York for Liverpool, arrived at London Monday day. Some of the passengers state that at noon on January 15, when the steamer was in latitude 51° N. longitude 17° W., a fire broke out in the after-store room, which is located near the first-class state-rooms. Long tongues of flame shot to the upper deck through a ventilator, which acted as a chimney for the fire. Fortunately the flames were discovered before they had made much headway. The fire, which started in the first quarters, hose was stretched, and in half an hour the fire was extinguished. There was great excitement among the passengers when the fire was first discovered, but it soon subsided. The crew showed good discipline.

The fire was caused by the upsetting of a lamp in the provision store-room. Many of the ship's stores were destroyed. It has transpired that the steamer Bothnia was carrying a large quantity of stores. Next to the store-room was a quantity of oil. Had this caught fire the result would have been disastrous. The fire, however, was kept under control by the efforts of the crew prevented this, however, and a possible calamity was averted. The captain of the steamer has made no report of the fire to the agents.

Denmark Is Neutral.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 17.—In the rigid Monday the subject of Chancellor Caprivi's speech on Monday morning to the committee on the army bill, implying that Denmark must be regarded as an enemy of Germany in the event of a European conflict, was brought up for discussion. Baron Reetz-Thott, minister of foreign affairs, declared that the relations between Germany and Denmark were of a friendly nature, and that the chief objects of the Danish government was to maintain absolute neutrality in European conflicts.

Young Kihlstedt says this report. CAPRIVI, Jan. 17.—The minister has changed his ministry without having obtained the consent of the British authorities, who, therefore, decline to recognize him. The British government's action is believed to have been influenced by Russia and France. The British authorities await instructions from London.

The South Shivers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 17.—Reports from points throughout the central south show that the weather is unusually cold. There is much suffering. In the mountains of Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina the snow is from three to ten feet deep.

Ex-President Hayes Ill.

FRAMONT, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Ex-president Rutherford B. Hayes is ill at his home in this city. He was stricken with neuritis of the heart, on Saturday, when he was in Cleveland, and is partly recovered, but is not yet out of danger.

Automatic Couplers.

COLUMBIA, O., Jan. 17.—The senate committee on railroads will meet Wednesday afternoon. It is expected that there will be a chance to be heard on the bill requiring the placing of automatic couplers on freight trains.

The Miners to Resume Work.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The coal miners who struck on Monday days ago are anxious to return to work, the efforts of the social democrats to inaugurate a general strike having failed.

Rehearsed by a Cool Mine Cage.

MOOREHEAD, N. Y., Jan. 17.—A Colman, a topman, met with a horrible death at the Trenton coal mine Monday. A descending cage cut off his head and it fell to the bottom of the shaft.

The Hudson Frozen Solid.

TARTTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The Hudson river is frozen over solid from the mouth of the Tappan, a distance of three and a half miles.

New State Salary.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A Rome cablegram states that Delegate Stille's annual salary is to be \$50,000.

IN THE COFFEE.

Cook Gallagher Tells How He Poisoned the Men.

He Was Hired to Put Powders in the Food by Dempsey.

Master Workman Dempsey Had the Powders Woven into the Homestead Food Cases. Interesting.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 17.—Interest in the Homestead poisoning cases increases by the day, and Monday morning, before court began, the room was crowded. The principal witness of the morning was Patrick Gallagher, the cook, upon whose confession the charges of poisoning were made. Gallagher's testimony did not materially differ from his previous story, which implicated the cook, Henry Davidson, and the defendant, Hugh Dempsey, master workman of the Knights of Labor.

The witness said that Dempsey gave him powders to place in the coffee and that were given to the non-union men by Dempsey. The strike of the State Street Car Co. of Chicago had been broken in three days by the use of these powders. They would make the men sick, he said, but would not endanger life.

Eight or ten witnesses who worked at the mill during the strike, and who are the mysterious "illnesses" were examined at the morning session, but nothing was elicited. The symptoms in each case were the same, and the illness was not fully recovered from the severe attacks.

When court resumed in the afternoon Gallagher, the Homestead cook, again testified. He stated that he had been given eight powders from Dempsey. He used the powder in the soup and he got some of it himself. It made him sick, he said, but did not endanger life.

Ghosts Desecrating Cemeteries.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The Advertiser Monday morning prints a story from Washington, under date of January 16, Liverpool, arrived at London Monday day. Some of the passengers state that at noon on January 15, when the steamer was in latitude 51° N. longitude 17° W., a fire broke out in the after-store room, which is located near the first-class state-rooms. Long tongues of flame shot to the upper deck through a ventilator, which acted as a chimney for the fire. Fortunately the flames were discovered before they had made much headway. The fire, which started in the first quarters, hose was stretched, and in half an hour the fire was extinguished. There was great excitement among the passengers when the fire was first discovered, but it soon subsided. The crew showed good discipline.

Free Man O. Morse.

COLUMBIA, O., Jan. 17.—The penitentiary guards swung open Monday and there walked forth a man who was once looked upon as an exemplar, and who went with grim grins to the gallows. This man was John F. Ray, for years a minister of the gospel and one time a popular public orator. He has just finished a three-year sentence for robbing a woman of her home through a swindling scheme. He has realized that "the way of the transgressor is straight," for the man who has spent in the prison hospital and he is now a mental and physical wreck.

Crushed to Death by Paper.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—The factory building occupied by the Nixon Brothers Paper Co. collapsed Monday evening. Seven men were in the building at the time. One man was killed in the ruins and three escaped uninjured. The dead are: John McKenna and Joseph McKenna, and Albert W. Coler, foreman. Albert Gable, a colored porter, was injured internally. The weight of paper stored above caused the collapse.

River Towns Afraid of a Flood.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Jan. 17.—Reports from Point Pleasant, W. Va., four miles above here, at the mouth of the Kanawha river, present the prospect of a great fear of a flood if the heavy snows go off with a rain. Point Pleasant lies very low, as do Racine, Pomeroy and other towns. Gallipolis is not being touched by the great flood of 1884.

Kansas' Two Houses.

TORRENS, Kas., Jan. 17.—For the first time since the legislature convened a week ago, the rival organizations of the lower house Monday met in peace. Both sides were grown weary at the prolonged squabble, and an honest effort was made Monday to arrive at some understanding by which the dual house may be made one.

An Old-Time Actress Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Frances Anne Kemble (Mrs. Pierce Butler), the well-known actress, died Monday. Mrs. Butler was the daughter of Charles Kemble, the actor. She was born in Newmarket street, London, November 27, 1810.

Whitely Reid Got to Travel.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 17.—Whitely Reid and family, to be married at his old home eight miles south, will leave shortly for a three years' trip around the world. Special attention will be given to India, Japan and the Orient.

P. T. Barnum's Monument.

BRIDGPORT, Ct., Jan. 17.—Barnum's monument will not be unveiled on Washington's birthday as desired by his executors, because the pedestal committee report that it will be impossible to be ready by that date.

Philadelpia Man Burned to Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—During a fire Monday morning in a cheap lodging-house, John McQuinn, a blind man, was burned to death. Kelly, a lodger, was fatally injured by jumping from a third-story window.

Do Not Wait the Barons Money.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—Miss Barons, Joseph Reinach has, with the consent of her husband, the deputy, renounced all claim to the fortune appearing to be under the will of the late baron.

THE NIAGARA ICE BRIDGE.

Fortnightly Adventures of a Hotel Clerk—Much Damage Looked for When the Break Comes.

TRIPALLO, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The ice bridge at Niagara Falls is one of the most ample and substantial seen for years. The steady zero weather of the past week has filled the upper river with ice, which is pouring over the falls in vast quantities and adding each hour to the jam which is called "the bridge." The process of formation this goes on, the latest arrival of ice being carried under that which is stationary and gradually raising the whole to a higher and higher level. The heavy fall of snow and the clouds of mist from the falls which settle on the top, freezing as fast as they fall, form a natural cement.

Many parties of tourists visited Niagara within the past few days to view the ice bridge and its attendant scenery. Some of them have had perilous experiences in their foamy endeavors to get near to the foot of the falls by venturing on the ice. Young Sargent, a hotel clerk here, carried his exploits by crossing a smaller ice bridge that had formed abreast of Goat island and extended across the whole of the Canadian shore, under the Hildre staircase, near the table rock. On his return, he stated that the danger of the scene he witnessed was in a hotel clerk here, carried his exploits by crossing a smaller ice bridge that had formed abreast of Goat island and extended across the whole of the Canadian shore, under the Hildre staircase, near the table rock. 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